USIBWC SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR COMMUNITY BOARD

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) is seeking applications from community members interested in participating in the Southeast Arizona Citizens' Forum (SACF). The SACF was established in 2002 to facilitate the exchange of information between the USIBWC and members of the public about Commission activities in Cochise and Santa Cruz Counties, Arizona. The Commission is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the United States and Mexico.

The SACF is intended to bring together community members enabling the early and continued two-way flow of information, concerns, values, and needs between the USIBWC and the general public, environmentalists, government agencies, municipalities, and other interested parties. Duties and responsibilities may include reviewing and commenting on documents and activities associated with USIBWC projects in the area.

All SACF board members recently completed their terms so the USIBWC has opened the application process to the general public to select a new board. Incumbent board members who wish to continue their service may apply for another term.

The board conducts regular public meetings, approximately four times per year, to discuss plans and issues related to ongoing and future USIBWC projects. Meeting sites alternate between Cochise and Santa Cruz Counties. Board members are expected to serve a 2-year term and to attend all meetings. Participation in the Citizens' Forum is strictly voluntary and members will not be financially compensated.

Members of the public who would like an application for the Southeast Arizona Citizens' Forum can contact the USIBWC's Nogales Project Office at 520-281-1832 or Public Affairs Officer Sally Spener at 915-832-4175 or via e-mail at sallyspener@ibwc.state.gov. The application and additional information are also available on the USIBWC web page at: http://www.ibwc.state.gov/Files/SA_CFApplication.pdf Applications are due July 13, 2007.

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